

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (New) A method for providing electronic content to a customer using a remote user terminal and a store information terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

accessing a menu including a plurality of electronic content items available for purchase using the remote user terminal;

selecting an electronic content item using the remote user terminal;

retrieving the selected electronic content item via a first communication channel;

obtaining an identification code for individually identifying the retrieved electronic content item;

inputting the identification code at the store information terminal;

enabling the customer to purchase, via a second communication channel, the second communication channel being different from the first communication channel, the retrieved electronic content item corresponding to the identification code; and

enabling the customer to download the purchased electronic content item.

7. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising downloading the purchased electronic content item to a portable recording medium.

8. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the menu including the plurality of electronic content items available for purchase is located on a server accessible by the remote user terminal via a network.

9. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of obtaining an identification code for individually identifying the retrieved electronic content item comprises downloading the identification code to a portable recording medium.

10. (New) A system for providing electronic content to a customer using a remote user terminal and a store information terminal, the system comprising:

means for accessing a menu including a plurality of electronic content items available for purchase using the remote user terminal;

means for selecting an electronic content item using the remote user terminal;

means for retrieving the selected electronic content item via a first communication channel;

means for obtaining an identification code for individually identifying the retrieved electronic content item;

means for inputting the identification code at the store information terminal;

means for enabling the customer to purchase, via a second communication channel, the second communication channel being different from the first communication channel, the retrieved electronic content item corresponding to the identification code; and

means for enabling the customer to download the purchased electronic content item.

11. (New) The system of claim 10, further comprising means for downloading the purchased electronic content item to a portable recording medium.

12. (New) The system of claim 10, wherein the menu including the plurality of electronic content items available for purchase is located on a server accessible by the remote user terminal via a network.

13. (New) The system of claim 10, wherein obtaining an identification code for individually identifying the retrieved electronic content item comprises downloading the identification code to a portable recording medium.